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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1649

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 17, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: School board recall elections.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Hoffman

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides for the recall of an elected or appointed school board member.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* Under the bill, the Election Commission would be required to prescribe a form for both a certified recall petition and an application. The Commission could require additional expenditure to cover the costs of producing the forms.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Under the bill, a recall election would be mandated if a certified recall petition is signed by at least 10% of the registered voters in the election district served by an elected board member or the school corporation served by an appointed board member. Under the bill, a certified recall petition would be scheduled for either the next primary or general election to be held more than 60 days after the certification. The window of 60 days before the next election (either primary or general) should minimize any increase in costs due to the reprinting of election ballots.

Under the bill, if the circuit court clerk denies certification of a recall petition, the officer is required to notify the petitioner by certified mail. U.S. Postal Service rates for certified mail are \$2.30 plus \$0.37 for first class postage or, if sent by priority mail, \$3.85 per envelope. A return receipt is \$3.00.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Office of the Circuit Court Clerk.

Information Sources: US Postal Service, www.usps.com/consumers/domestic.htm.

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